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It occurs to me that the time is ripe to begin exchanging ideas incident to the next Research Methods Conference, which we agreed to schedule in the United States in the fall of 1962. We have given some thought to the suggestions for the conference you made during your last visit here and agree that the general theme of the next conference might well be along the lines of "Impact of a Changing World on the Conduct of Intelligence: Problems and Techniques." In this connection, I am attaching a list of topics which might be profitably discussed during the conference. I trust you will cut and add to this list with complete freedom, since it merely reflects our preliminary thoughts. After we have done our best by correspondence we can have a bilateral discussion before our representatives get together

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To start things off, I would envision an address of welcome by our Director. This could be followed by a general estimate of the world situation. The other topics for presentation and discussion could be arranged in any order that our representatives deem feasible. I would hope to be able to include among the guest speakers people of the caliber of Chip Bohlen and McGeorge Bundy.

I would suggest that sessions be arranged on specialized topics which are not likely to be of interest to the members at large. In this regard, we would hope to have some participation from our clandestine side. Papers certainly should be prepared in advance, but I think that the impact would be

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